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1. SUMMARY. A SHARPLY ANTI-AMERICAN NEWS ARTICEL ACCUSES THE CIA OF SUPPORTING "REACTIONARY" FORCES IN ANGOLA, AND CLAIMS THAT LT. GENERAL WALTERS, CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WENT TO ANGOLA POSING AS A BUSINESSMAN. MANY OTHER EVIL FORCES ARE ALLEGEDLY ARRAYED AGAINST THE "PATRIOTIC FORCES" OF THE MPLA, BUT THE AUTHOR CONTENTS THAT THESE AND FUTURE "IMPERIALIST THREATS" TO ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE WILL BE RESISTED. END SUMMARY.

2. V. SIDENKO, WRITING IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF NOVOYE VREMYA (JULY 25) ACCUSES THE CIA OF SUPPORTING THE MACHI-
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NATIONS OF IMPERIALIST FORCES WHICH ARE ATTEMPTING TO

THWART THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "JUST AND INDEPENDENT" ANGO-LAN GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MPLA. SIDENKO CLAIMS THE CIA OPERATIVES ARE ENTERING ANGOLA POSING AS JOURNALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN, AND HE CONTENTS THAT ONE SUCH "PSEDUO-BUSINESSMAN" WAS LT. GENERAL VERNON WALTERS. SIDENKO ADDS A NEW WRINKLE TO SOVIET COVERAGE OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WHEN HE STATES THAT MEMBERS OF A "BRAZILIAN DEATH SQUAD" ARE OPERATING IN ANGOLA HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE CIA.

3. FOLLOWING THESE OPENING BLASTS, SIDENKO CONCENTRATES ON OTHER BOGEYMEN, SUCH AS AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES, WHICH SUPPORT THE CABINDA SEPARATIST ORGANIZATION (FIEC), "IMPERIALIST REACTIONARIES" WHO ARE STRIVING TO RETAIN THE "RACIST-COLONIALIST" STATE-QUO IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE OMNI-PRESENT "MONOPOLIES" WHICH CONSIDER ANGOLA "A SOURCE OF COLOSSAL PROFITS." SIDENKO ALSO REPLAYS THE ARGUMENT MADE BY S. KULIK (REFTELS, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE LAMBASTES THE CHINESE AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FNLA. A BIT OF TORTURED REASONING LEADS SIDENKO TO CONCLUDE THAT CHINESE POLICY AIMED AT DESTROYING THE MPLA DIRECTLY SERVES AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ANGOLA AND "ALLOWS WASHINGTON, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND."

4. COMMENT: NOVOYE VREMYA IS A WEEKLY, REASONABLY LOW-LEVEL, MASS CIRCULATION NEWS MAGAZINE WHICH IS NOT AN IMPORTANT VOICE OF OFFICIAL SOVIET POLICY. FURTHERMORE, MUCH OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARTICLE HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA. THE PARTICULARLY NASTY ANTI-AMERICAN ANGLES IN THIS DIATRIBE PROBABLY WERE ADDED TO OFFSET THE SPATE OF APOLLO-SOYUZ COVERAGE WHICH WAS, OF COURSE, FAVORABLE TO THE U.S. (THIS MAGAZINE'S COVER AND LEAD SORIES ALL DEALT WITH APOLLO-SOYUZ). HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS RE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, AND THE GENERAL ANTI-AMERICAN TONE OF THE ENTIRE ARTICLE, ARE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY AT THIS TIME WHEN SUCH BLATANT ANTI-US DIATRIBES HAVE ALL BUT VANISHED FROM THE SOVIET PRESS.

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